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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

R. A. GIDDINGS et al.

Application No.: 09/636,286

Filed: August 10, 2000

For: QUARTZ FUSION FURNACE AND METHOD FOR FORMING QUARTZ  
ARTICLES

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: John M. Hoffman

SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R.  
§1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated October 27, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.